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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Higley, et al

Application Number: 09/707,009

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Art Unit/Examiner: 1741/Raymond Alejandro

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002, to which a reply is due on or before March 25, 2003 with a three-month extension of time which accompanies this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 05-1068.

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